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Sheet 1, replace Figure 1 with the figure depicted herein below in which, the "height adjustment system" has been labeled with-- 24--

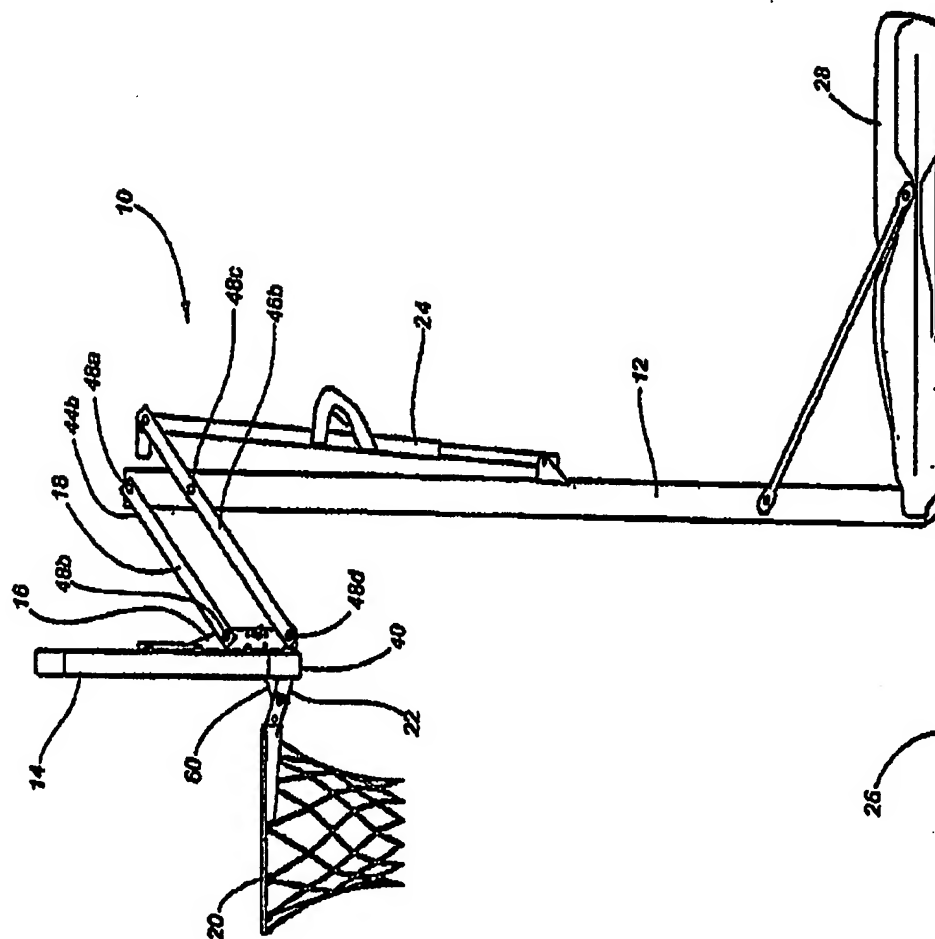


Fig. 1

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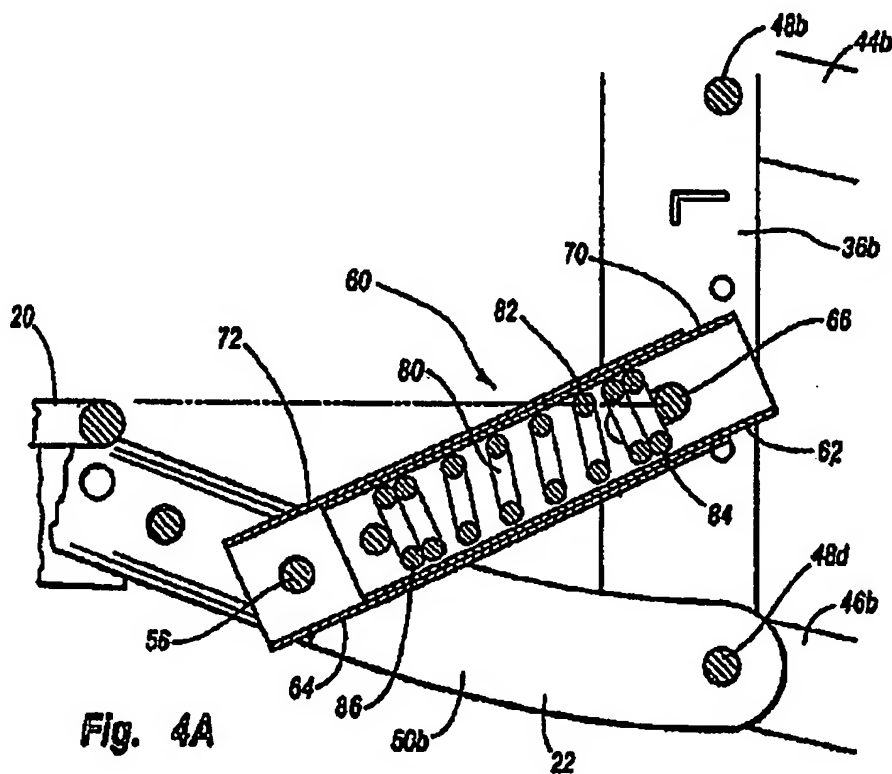
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Sheet 3, replace Figure 4A with the figure depicted herein below, in which the "second end" of "spring 82" labeled "80" has been relabeled with --86--



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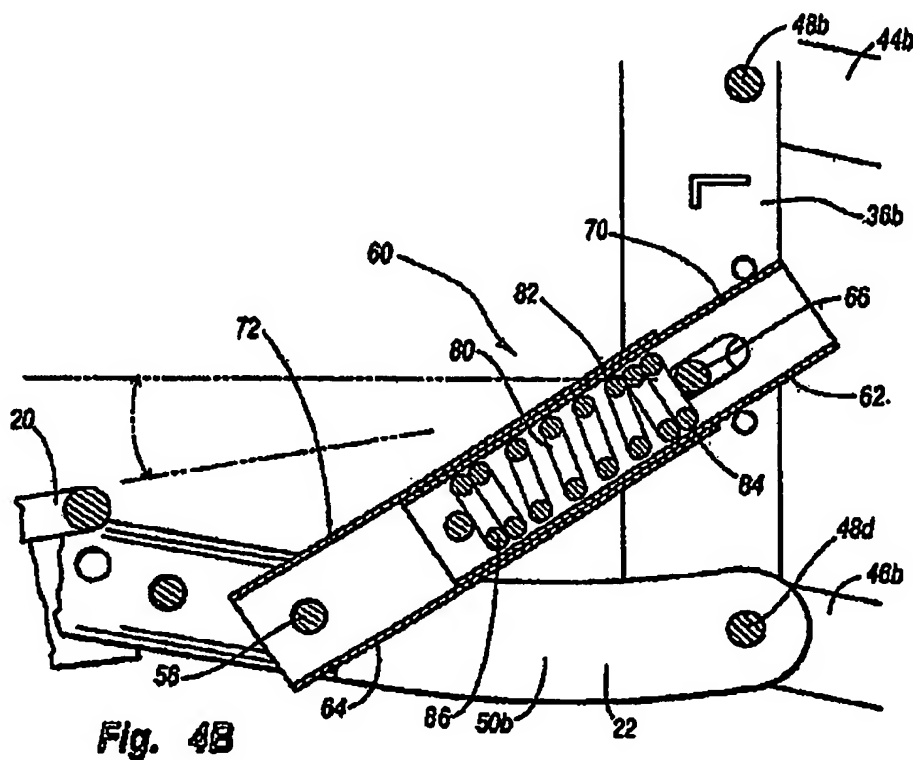
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Column 2

Line 32, change "basketballs" to --backboards--

Line 45, change "backboard" to --backboards--

Column 3

Line 11, change "being" to --begin--

Line 12, change "to" to --will--

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Column 6

Line 23, change "limits" to --limit--

Column 12

Line 34, change "with" to --to have--

Column 13

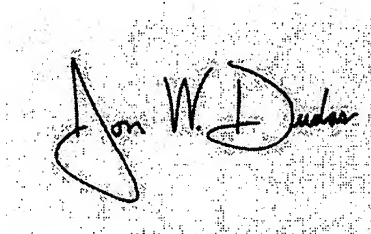
Line 29, change "application" to --applications--

Column 15

Line 8, change "pair" to --support--

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(54) **BASKETBALL RIM ASSEMBLY**

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ABSTRACT

A basketball goal system may include a rim assembly that forms part of a breakaway rim that can deflect downwardly when a force larger than a predetermined amount is applied to the rim. The basketball goal system may include a support pole, a support structure including a pair of upper arms and a pair of lower arms, a backboard support frame including a pair of elongated members, and a backboard. The elongated members of the backboard support frame are preferably connected to one of the upper support arms and one of the lower support arms of the support structure, and these upper and lower support arms are preferably connected to the support pole. The basketball goal system may also include a backboard connected to the backboard support frame and a rim assembly, including a pair of support arms. The support arms of the rim assembly are preferably connected to the elongated members of the backboard support frame. The basketball goal system may also include a rim attached to the rim assembly and a resistance mechanism that is preferably connected to the pair of elongated members of the backboard support frame and the pair of support arms of the rim assembly.

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